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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

In order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is notified of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

Documents A1-A8 are cited in the enclosed European Search Report, where the relevance is indicated. No further statement of relevance is required.

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The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of an action that closes prosecution in the application. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), a fee of \$180.00 is attached.

In view of the above, no further translation or statement of relevance is required, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and all official guide lines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents and make them of record.

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